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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION

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QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS. AF, FR  
SUBJ: VIEW OF AFGHANISTAN COUP  
REF: KABUL 5200 ✓

1. EMBOFF PASSED TEXT OF AMBASSADOR [REDACTED] MESSAGE TO  
WHO EXPRESSED GOF  
THANKS FOR US ASSISTANCE. CONCERNED BECAUSE IT  
HAD RECEIVED NO PRIOR MESSAGE FROM [REDACTED] AND HAD BEEN  
PREPARING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL EDUCATION DELEGATION FOR VISIT  
TO AFGHANISTAN NEXT WEEK.

2. [REDACTED] THOUGHT MOST SIGNIFICANT--AND DISQUIETING--  
INFORMATION WAS [REDACTED] VIEW THAT DAQUD'S COUP WAS BASED  
ON THE MILITARY--PRESUMABLY YOUNG, PROGRESSIVE OFFICERS  
TRAINED IN USSR. [REDACTED] SPECULATED THAT SOVIETS ACTIVELY  
ENCOURAGED THE COUP. -SINCE DAQUD HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED  
WITH POLICY OF "RAPPROCHEMENT" WITH USSR IN PRE-1963 PERIOD,  
THOUGHT COUP WOULD ADD FURTHER ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY  
TO THE AREA. IRWIN

UNQUOTE. RUSH

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RECEIVED BY [REDACTED]  
( ) [REDACTED] IN PART  
( ) [REDACTED] INFO  
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